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1. A special committee has been appointed to handle plans and preparations for the FDJ rally in Berlin in May. All members of this committee belong to the SED and are residents of the Soviet Sector of Berlin. One subcommittee has charge of all transportation questions relative to moving the FDJ celebrants to Berlin. At the head of this subcommittee is (fnu) Schorsch, an official of the passenger traffic department of the Soviet Zone railway administration. The heads of all subcommittees meet every other day at the "Haus der Jugend" at Unter den Linden 35, to discuss plans and progress.
2. Preparations are being made to transport 280,000 persons by rail to Berlin. The largest share of these are to be hauled by special train. Since there are not nearly sufficient passenger coaches available for such an undertaking, most of the special trains will be made up of freight cars. It is expected that there will be 35,000 participants arriving from the western zones of Germany.
3. All trains carrying FDJers will be routed so that under no circumstances will any traverse territory lying within any of the western sectors of Berlin. Therefore, no such trains will be brought into the Anhalter or Stettiner stations. Trains from the south will come via Zossen, Dabendorf, Schöneiche to the Schlesischer Bahnhof. This will avoid crossing a small corner of Berlin-Lichtenrade in the United States Sector. For the same reason, trains from the north will not come in over the normal route through Oranienburg, because the line leads through the French Sector.
4. To complete the transport of the 280,000 by rail is expected to require forty-eight hours. Other thousands to be hauled by bus and truck will take about thirty-six hours. No water transportation will be employed because it is too slow.
5. The head of the Soviet Zone railway administration, Kreikemeyer, requires a daily report of progress from his assistants on the

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work accomplished in organizing transport facilities. He is also giving his personal attention to seeing that all directives of political significance are being carried out.

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